

SEPARATE STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN ABERNATHY

Re: Application of Gowdy FM 95, Inc and Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. For Consent to the Assignment of the License of KCGY(FM), Laramie, WY, and Application of Gowdy Family LP and Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. For Consent to the Assignment of the License of KOWB(AM), Laramie, WY;

Applications of Golden Triangle Radio, Inc. and Cumulus Licensing Corp. For Consent to the Assignment of the Licenses of WKOR(FM), Columbus, MS, WMXU(FM) and WSSO(AM) Starkville, MS, and Application of Charisma Broadcasting Co. and Cumulus Licensing Corp. For Consent to the Assignment of the License of WKOR(AM) Starkville, MS, and Application of Bravo Communications, Inc. and Cumulus Licensing Corp. For Consent to the Assignment of the License of WSMS(FM), Artesia, MS, and Applications of Radio Columbus, Inc. and Cumulus Licensing Corp. For Consent to the Assignment of the Licenses of WJWF(AM) and WMBC(FM), Columbus, MS;

Applications of Great Scott Broadcasting and Nassau Broadcasting II, L.L.C. For Consent to the Assignment of the Licenses of WCHR(AM), Trenton, NJ and WNJO(FM), Trenton, NJ;

Applications of Cumulus Licensing Corp. and Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. For Consent to the Assignment of the Licenses of WMLF(AM), Columbus, GA, WVRK(FM), Columbus, GA, WGSY(FM), Phenix City AL, WPNX(FM), Phenix City AL, WAGH(FM), Ft. Mitchell, AL, and WBFA(FM), Smiths, AL; and

Application of Air Virginia and Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc. For Consent to the Assignment of the License of WUMX(FM), Charlottesville, VA.

I support today's decisions granting four of the five oldest pending radio merger applications and setting one for hearing. I recognize that these cases have raised particularly difficult issues, but that is not a reason for failing to resolve them in a timely manner. I am pleased that, by today's decisions, we are finally able to provide answers to the applicants – some of whom have been waiting for years. Regardless of the outcome, the Commission owes it to consumers and the industry to provide prompt and clear answers to regulatory questions. I look forward to working with my colleagues to resolve the other pending radio applications and the outstanding Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.